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The Foreign Agricultural Service of the U.S. Department of Agriculture today reported the following developments in world agriculture and trade.

GRAIN AND FEED

SOVIETS Announce 1987 Agriculture Results. The USSR announced its agriculture results for last year in the 1987 plan fulfillment report that was published in the Soviet central press on January 24. The reported data, along with comparisons from the Soviet statistical yearbook for 1986, are shown below. To give additional perspective, the 1988 plan figures are also shown. Data are in million metric tons.

Commodity	1987	1986	1981-85 Average	1988 Plan
Total Grain	211.3	210.1	180.3	235.0
Including:				
Corn	14.8	15.3	14.3	NA
Rice	2.7	2.63	2.57	NA
Millet	3.9	2.37	2.33	NA
Buckwheat	1.3	0.99	1.01	NA
Sunflower seed	6.1	5.3	5.0	7.65 (Total oilseeds)
Cotton (raw)	8.1	8.2	8.3	2.55 (fiber)
Sugar beets	90.0	79.3	76.4	92.4
Potatoes	75.9	87.2	78.4	NA
Vegetables	29.1	29.7	29.2	NA
Fruits/berries (excl. citrus)	7.9	11.5	10.4	NA
Grapes	5.8	6.5	7.1	NA
Meat	18.6	18.1	16.2	18.9
Milk	103.4	102.2	94.6	105.5
Eggs (billions)	82.1	80.7	74.4	82.0
Wool (1,000 tons)	455	469	457	NA

The report also noted that in 1987, total grain yields averaged 1.83 tons per hectare. That is the second highest on record--1.85 tons per hectare was achieved in 1978--and larger than the 1.80 tons reported for the 1986 harvest.

Regarding preparations for the 1988 harvest, the report stated that last fall, winter crops seeded under the system of intensive technology totaled 17.2 million hectares, which was below plan, according to the Soviet statement.

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Livestock numbers, as of January 1, were reported in million head:

	1988	1987	1986
Cattle	120.5	122.1	120.9
of which cows	42.0	42.4	42.9
Pigs	77.3	79.5	77.8
Sheep and goats	147.0	148.7	147.3

DAIRY, LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

JAPANESE Market for U.S. Bovine Genetics Strengthens. Japan imported nearly 27,000 units of bovine semen during Japanese fiscal year 1986 (April-March); the majority of this semen was from the United States. During the first six months of Japanese fiscal year 1987, imports had already reached 28,300 units, with just over 20,000 from the United States. Japan is among the top 10 markets for U.S. bull semen.

During its fiscal 1986, Japan also imported 58 dairy bulls, mostly from the United States. This was most likely an effort by the Japanese Semen Organization to meet the competition from high quality imported semen. The first half of 1987 showed a marked increase in the imports of bred heifers, mostly from the United States. This demonstrates the growing understanding of the Japanese dairy industry of the importance of maternal genetics in building productive herds.

COTTON

Monthly U.S. Cotton Exports Climb. U.S. cotton exports continued to increase in November, reaching 615,000 bales, the highest November level since 1979. Cumulative August-November exports were 1.7 million bales. Crop year 1987/88 exports are forecast at 7.1 million bales. USDA's export sales report indicates December export movement continued at a rapid pace totaling 710,000 bales in the five-week period ending December 31. Leading foreign markets are Japan, South Korea, the European Community and Taiwan.

FRUITS

MEXICAN Processing Tomato Production Forecast To Decline. In Mexico, 1988 processing tomato production is forecast at 377,000 tons, about 1 percent below 1987, according to a report from the U.S. agricultural counselor in Mexico City. Area planted, estimated at 8,800 hectares, is down slightly because low prices last season discouraged producers and caused the government and producer associations to recommend that plantings be reduced. Output in 1987, estimated at 383,000 tons, was up over 20 percent due to a 10-percent increase in area and favorable weather during much of the growing season.

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Output of Processing Tomatoes Continues To Decline in TAIWAN.

Production of processing tomatoes in Taiwan in 1988 is forecast at 205,000 tons, 25 percent below 1987, according to a report from the U.S. agricultural officer in Taipei. Planted area is estimated at 3,200 hectares, about 25 percent below 1987 and less than two-fifths of the 8,500 hectares planted in 1984. The decline has occurred because other crops, particularly corn and peanuts, have been more profitable and are less labor intensive. In addition, a dispute about the contract price for tomatoes delayed planting which will shorten the harvest period because most tomato land is used for rice during the summer months.

WEEKLY EXCHANGE RATE DEVELOPMENTS

During the week ending January 22, the dollar declined following the release of Japan's December trade figures which showed a widening trade surplus with the United States. This announcement undercut the support for the dollar that had resulted from the previous week's report of a sharp drop in the U.S. trade deficit for November. However, by the end of the week, the dollar was up against most major currencies.

Currencies	Current rate 01/14/88	----Percent change from----- week ago month ago year ago 01/07/88 12/17/87 01/87		
Argentine austral	3.8300	1.32	9.42	200.62
Australian dollar	1.3966	-.80	.00	-7.65
Brazilian cruzado	79.6200	3.80	14.03	416.81
Canadian dollar	1.2800	-.72	-2.04	-5.90
South African rand	1.9724	.49	.79	-5.55
Thai baht	25.2100	.07	.07	-2.82
ECU	.8048	1.51	1.83	-10.06
British pound	.5573	1.77	2.06	-16.08
French franc	5.6120	1.87	1.99	-9.37
West Germanan mark	1.6645	2.11	2.27	-10.39
Japanese yen	127.0500	.67	.83	-17.89
South Korean won	789.5000	-.27	-.70	-8.15
New Taiwan dollar	28.5500	.03	.17	-19.25

Exchange rates are spot as of 3 p.m. Eastern Time, January 21.

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT INITIATIVES

The status of USDA's Export Enhancement Program as of Jan. 21, 1988, was as follows in metric tons:

ANNOUNCED INITIATIVES	DATE ANNOUNCED	QUANTITY/RESULTS
92. Turkey vegetable oil	Jan. 6, '88	80,000
91. Algeria barley malt	Dec. 30, 87	10,000
90. Iraq barley malt	Dec. 23, 87	5,000
89. Burundi barley malt	Dec. 16, '87	15,000
88. Lebanon wheat	Dec. 11, '87	150,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

87. Finland wheat	Dec. 9, '87	50,000	Sold 44,500
	Jan. 21, '88	50,000	
86. Mexico wheat	Dec. 2, '87	200,000	
85. Zaire frozen poultry	Nov. 30, '87	7,000	
84. China dairy cattle	Nov. 18, '87	3,000 head	Sold 155
83. Bulgaria barley	Nov. 17, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
82. Bulgaria wheat	Nov. 17, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 4, '88	200,000	
81. Gulf countries frozen poultry (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates)	Nov. 3, '87	16,000	Sold 2,400
80. Saudi Arabia frozen poultry	Nov. 3, '87	20,000	
79. Hungary barley	Oct. 30, '87	100,000	
78. Algeria vegetable oil	Oct. 22, '87	60,000	Sold 26,000
77. Morocco vegetable oil	Oct. 13, '87	60,000	
76. Tunisia vegetable oil	Sept. 24, '87	60,000	Sold 12,000
75. Singapore frozen poultry	Sept. 24, '87	2,000	Sold 120
74. Near East table eggs (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates, Yemen)	Aug. 27, '87	50 million eggs	COMPLETE
73. Saudi Arabia dairy cattle	Aug. 27, '87	2,000 head	Sold 960 head
72. Iraq barley	Aug. 10, '87	150,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 28, '87	100,000	
71. Brazil wheat	July 30, '87	300,000	Sold 66,000
70. Colombia wheat	July 30, '87	300,000	Sold 44,000
69. Israel wheat	May 29, '87	200,000	
68. Bangladesh wheat	May 22, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '87	50,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 12, '87	150,000	Sold 144,500
	Sept. 10, '87	300,000	
67. Soviet Union wheat	Apr. 30, '87	4,000,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 15, '87	65,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 9, '87	2,400,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 27, '87	2,350,000	Sold 2,349,800
66. Turkey rice	Apr. 3, '87	70,000	Sold 12,000
65. Colombia barley malt	Apr. 3, '87	15,000	
64. Iraq table eggs	Feb. 20, '87	189 million eggs	Sold 178 million
63. Canary Islands poultry	Feb. 9, '87	5,000	Sold 3,000
62. Nigeria wheat	Jan. 28, '87	500,000	
61. China wheat	Jan. 26, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 18, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 17, '87	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 11, '87	1,000,000	Sold 700,000
60. Iraq wheat	Jan. 16, '87	800,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 26, '87	1,000,000	Sold 257,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

59. Switzerland barley or sorghum	Jan. 16, '87	250,000	Sold 9,000
58. Poland wheat	Jan. 7, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 2, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 1, '87	1,000,000	Sold 750,000
57. Poland barley or sorghum	Dec. 31, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 14, '87	500,000	
56. Romania wheat	Dec. 23, '86	250,000	
55. Iraq poultry	Dec. 22, '86	60,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 2, '87	10,000	Sold 5,000
	Nov. 25, '87	30,000	
54. Dominican Republic table eggs	Dec. 9, '86	25 million eggs	Sold 11.1 million eggs
53. Zanzibar wheat flour	Dec. 9, '86	20,000	Sold 6,000
52. Tunisia barley	Dec. 1, '86	150,000	
51. Gulf countries (Bahrain, Kuwait, Oman, Qatar, United Arab Emirates) dairy cattle	Oct. 30, '86	1,500 head	COMPLETE
	Aug. 27, '87	1,500 head	
50. West Africa (Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana, Gabon, Liberia, Niger, Togo) wheat	Oct. 30, '86	345,000	Sold 146,700
	June 15, '87	185,000	
49. Dominican Republic poultry	Oct. 29, '86	1,500	COMPLETE
	Jan. 12, '88	2,000	
48. Philippines barley malt	Oct. 20, '86	60,000	Sold 25,000
47. Cameroon wheat flour	Oct. 14, '86	20,000	
46. Romania barley	Sept. 24, '86	200,000	Sold 125,000
45. Venezuela barley malt	Sept. 4, '86	100,000	
44. Cyprus barley	Aug. 26, '86	150,000	Sold 118,000
43. Canary Islands wheat	Aug. 8, '86	100,000	
42. Egypt semolina	Aug. 6, '86	30,000	Sold 23,000
	Sept. 29, 1987		Balance withdrawn
41. Soviet Union wheat	Aug. 1, '86	4,000,000	EXPIRED
40. Canary Is. dairy cattle	July 28, '86	3,000 head	Sold 2,985
39. Hong Kong table eggs	July 28, '86	44 million eggs	COMPLETE
	Nov. 16, '87	48 million eggs	COMPLETE
38. Senegal wheat	July 17, '86	100,000	COMPLETE
	Sept. 11, '87	110,000	
37. India vegetable oil	July 8, '86	25,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 15, '87	300,000	Sold 60,000
36. Jordan barley	June 17, '86	60,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 12, '86	100,000	
35. Israel barley	June 17, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Sept. 14, '87	200,000	Sold 103,324

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

34. Tunisia dairy cattle	May 29, '86	4,000 head	COMPLETE
33. Algeria dairy cattle	May 29, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
32. Sri Lanka wheat	May 16, '86	125,000	COMPLETE
	March 5, '87	95,000	Sold 85,000
	Aug. 20, '87	240,000	
31. Saudi Arabia barley	May 7, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	250,000	COMPLETE
	Sept. 16, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
			(201,000)
	Jan. 5, '87	1,250,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 4, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
30. Algeria barley	Apr. 17, '86	500,000	Sold 408,000
29. Morocco dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	4,000 head	COMPLETE
	Dec. 8, '87	7,500 head	
28. Turkey dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
	June 18, '86	5,000 head	COMPLETE
	Nov. 18, '87	10,000 head	
27. Egypt dairy cattle	Apr. 16, '86	6,000 head	COMPLETE
	Sept. 12, '86	10,000 head	Sold 3,681
	Oct. 19, '87		Withdrawn
26. Yemen poultry feed	Apr. 14, '86	150,000	Sold 111,468
	Dec. 1, '87	186,500	
25. Yugoslavia wheat	Apr. 10, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	June 24, '86	200,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 7, '86	500,000	Sold 417,050
	Oct. 19, '87	500,000	
24. Indonesia dairy cattle	Apr. 9, '86	7,500 head	COMPLETE
	June 18, '87	8,000 head	COMPLETE
	Oct. 5, '87	8,000 head	Sold 4,000
23. Syria wheat	Apr. 8, '86	700,000	CANCELED
22. Benin wheat (remaining 15,000 tons transferred to West Africa	Apr. 7, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
21. Algeria table eggs	Apr. 4, '86	500 million	eggs
	Sept. 29, '87		Withdrawn
20. Iraq dairy cattle	Apr. 4, '86	6,500 head	Sold 6,028
19. Jordan wheat	Mar. 19, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	June 20, '86	75,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 31, '86	225,000	COMPLETE
18. Tunisia wheat	Mar. 18, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 22, '86	800,000	Sold 525,000
17. Algeria wheat flour	Feb. 25, '86	100,000	
	Sept. 29, '87		Withdrawn
16. Algeria semolina	Feb. 11, '86	250,000	Sold 30,000
	Oct. 9, '87	Allocation reduced	COMPLETE
	Oct. 9, '87	50,000	

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

15. Philippines wheat	Jan. 7, '86	150,000	COMPLETE (152,400)
	Aug. 10, '87	500,000	Sold 475,000
14. Zaire wheat	Dec. 27, '85	35,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	45,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 10, '86	40,000	COMPLETE
	July 16, '87	80,000	Sold 73,000
13. Nigeria barley malt	Dec. 10, '85	100,000	Sold 93,464
12. Iraq wheat flour	Dec. 9, '85	150,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 7, '87	175,000	Sold 75,000
11. Egypt poultry	Nov. 26, '85	8,000	COMPLETE
	Mar. 21, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	June 18, '86	5,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '86	15,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 19, '86	25,000	COMPLETE
	Feb. 27, '87	6,000	COMPLETE
10. Zaire wheat flour	Nov. 18, '85	64,000	COMPLETE
	May 15, '86	30,000	COMPLETE
9. Philippines wheat flour	Nov. 15, '85	100,000	Sold 50,000
	Sept. 29, '87		Balance withdrawn
8. Jordan rice	Nov. 8, '85	40,000	Sold 53,700
	Jan. 13, '87	60,000	
7. Turkey wheat	Oct. 16, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (506,600)
	May 8, '86	500,000	Sold 248,000
6. Morocco wheat	Sept. 30, '85	1,500,000	COMPLETE
	Dec. 9, '86	790,000	COMPLETE
	July 1, '87	500,000	Sold 830,000
	Nov. 23, '87	1,500,000	
5. Yemen wheat	Sept. 6, '85	100,000	COMPLETE
	Jan. 26, '87	100,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 22, '87	100,000	
4. Yemen wheat flour	Aug. 20, '85	50,000	COMPLETE
	Apr. 14, '86	100,000	COMPLETE
	May 18, '87	100,000	Sold 50,000
	Oct. 22, '87	100,000	
3. Egypt wheat	July 26, '85	500,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 30, '85	500,000	COMPLETE (512,500)
	June 24, '86	500,000	COMPLETE
	July 29, '86	52,000	COMPLETE
	Oct. 8, '86	1,000,000	COMPLETE
	July 8, '87	500,000	COMPLETE
	Nov. 30, '87	1,000,000	Sold 509,500
2. Egypt wheat flour	July 2, '85	600,000	COMPLETE
	Aug. 6, '86	600,000	Sold 356,000

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EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM INITIATIVES (CONT)

1. Algeria wheat (ex durum)	June 4, '85	1,000,000	COMPLETE
wheat (ex durum)	Apr. 10, '86	1,000,000	Sold 916,000
durum	Nov. 10, '86	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	Mar. 16, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	July 24, '87	300,000	COMPLETE
durum	Oct. 29, '87	300,000	Sold 154,000
wheat (all)	Dec. 31, '87	1,000,000	Sold 125,000

EXPORT ENHANCEMENT PROGRAM SUMMARY

Announced as of Jan. 21, 1988

Announced to Date* 48,846,090 tons grains and products (grain equivalent)
 356 million table eggs
 227,500 tons frozen poultry
 91,181 head dairy cattle
 585,000 tons vegetable oil

Sold to Date 29,775,559 tons wheat
 2,101,466 tons flour (grain equivalent)
 4,885,324 tons barley
 72,610 tons semolina (grain equivalent)
 157,948 tons barley malt (grain equivalent)
 139,000 tons sorghum
 65,700 tons rice
 111,468 tons poultry feed
 123,000 tons vegetable oil
 146,039 tons frozen poultry
 63,809 head dairy cattle
 330,950,820 table eggs

Total Sales Value: \$3,539.3 million
 Estimated Bonus Book Value: \$2,367.3 million
 Market Value of Awards: \$1,625.7 million

*Does not include withdrawn programs.

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Selected International Prices

Item	:	January 26, 1988	:	Change from	:	A year
	:		:	a week ago	:	ago
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ROTTERDAM PRICES 1/		\$ per MT	\$ per bu.	\$ per MT		\$ per MT
Wheat:						
Canadian No. 1 CWRS-13.5%.10/		154.50	4.20	-0.50		154.00
U.S. No. 2 DNS/NS: 14%.10/		148.50	4.04	-1.00		145.00
U.S. No. 2 S.R.W.11/		155.00	4.22	-0-		145.00
No. 3 H.A.D.....10/		161.00	4.38	-0-		156.00
Canadian No. 1 A: Durum10/		168.00	4.57	-0-		163.50
Feed grains:						
U.S. No. 3 Yellow Corn.11/		108.50	2.76	-0.50		81.50
Soybeans and Meal:						
U.S. No. 2 Yellow.....11/		256.75	6.99	+1.25		203.35
Brazil 47/48% Soya Pellets12/		236.00	--	+7.00		199.00
U.S. 44% Soybean Meal.....		224.00	--	+2.00		181.00
U.S. FARM PRICES 3/						
Wheat		105.81	2.88	+0.73		92.58
Barley.....		63.38	1.38	+0.92		N.Q.
Corn.....		72.05	1.83	+1.57		57.48
Sorghum.....		64.15	2.91 2/	+1.76		52.03
Broilers.....		860.90	--	-145.94		1,085.55
EC IMPORT LEVIES						
Wheat 5/.....		235.91	6.42	-4.37		223.45
Barley.....		223.61	4.87	-0.64		211.70
Corn.....		206.09	5.23	-2.51		202.50
Sorghum.....		217.72	5.53	-0.09		204.25
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		554.00	--	-9.00		490.00
EC INTERVENTION PRICES 7/ 9/						
Common wheat(feed quality)		217.93	5.93	+1.22		212.75
Bread wheat (min. quality)		229.01	6.23	+1.28		222.95
Maize.....		229.01	5.82	+1.28		222.95
Barley and all other feed grains, excluding maize.		217.93	--	+1.22		212.75
Broilers 4/ 6/.....		1,627.00	--	-94.00		1,655.00
EC EXPORT RESTITUTIONS (subsidies)						
Wheat		218.61	5.95	--		148.85
Barley.....		149.29	3.25	-1.37		N.A.
Broilers 4/ 6/ 8/.....		559.00	--	-9.00		394.00

1/ Asking prices in U.S. dollars for imported grain and soybeans, c.i.f., Rotterdam. 2/ Hundredweight (CWT). 3/ Five-day moving average. 4/ EC category--70 percent whole chicken. 5/ Reflects lower EC export subsidy--down to 20.00 ECU/100 bag effective 9/14/83 from 22.50 ECU/100 bag set in 2/83. 6/ F.o.b. price for R.T.C. broilers at West German border. 7/ Reference price. 8/ Reflects change in level set by EC. 9/ Changes may be due partly to exchange rate fluctuations and/or ECU payments. 10/ April/May delivery. 11/ February delivery. 12/ March delivery. N.A.=None authorized. N.Q.=Not quoted. Note: Basis January delivery.

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